ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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An active termination circuit is mounted in a memory circuit and includes a 2 termination resistor which provides a termination resistance for the memory circuit, 3 and a control circuit which receives an externally supplied active termination control 4 signal, and which selectively switches on and off the termination resistor in 5 response to the active termination control signal. The control circuit includes a 6 synchronous input buffer and an asynchronous input buffer which each receive the active termination control signal, and a switching circuit which selectively outputs an 8 output of said synchronous input buffer or an output of said asynchronous input 9 buffer according to an operational mode of the memory circuit. The output of the 10

switching circuit controls an on/off state of said termination resistor.